

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 773

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud the Collierville High School Cheerleaders on winning the Freshman Division of the 2004 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville High School cheerleading program is renowned as a bastion of extraordinary excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville cheerleaders achieved a remarkable level of success during this year's season; and

WHEREAS, competing in the 2004 National High School Cheerleading Championship sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association and held in Orlando, Florida, on February 6-8, 2004, the Collierville cheerleaders prevailed over squads from throughout the nation to secure the national title in the Freshman Division of the event, showcasing true athleticism and the spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, qualifying for this prestigious competition, these young women wowed the crowd and the judges with their performance at the regional competition in November 2003, winning the competition held at Bolton High School; and

WHEREAS, this supremely talented squad also won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, Arkansas Athletic Association, and UCA Memphis Rock-n-Roll Freshman Division Championships; and

WHEREAS, at the Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, the Collierville cheerleaders performed a virtually flawless routine, overpowering the other contenders to claim the national championship; and



WHEREAS, the members of the team have proven themselves exceptional artists and athletes, winning the freshman title for the first time in the history of Collierville High School; and

WHEREAS, the young ladies of the freshmen squad are Lauren Austin, Lauren Bell, Cassie Berry, Michelle Bertus, Cortney Counce, Jordan Cottrell, Melissa Jernigan, Jena Langford, Ashlie Lawson, Missy Lipe, Courtney McKay, Kristian Merwin, Julie Perkins, Allie Pittenger, Taylor Reese, Bethany Richardson, Lauren Rupiper, Rheana Sargent, Garner Simpson, Michelle Trujillo, and Ainsley Ware; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mike Nordengren laid the groundwork for the national championship by sharing with the young women on the squad his substantial knowledge of cheerleading and his passion both for the sport of cheerleading and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dr. Tim Setterlund, Sponsor Shelly Baker, and Cheer Coordinator Leigh Ann Rainey also contributed considerably to the team's success by most willingly lending their support to the cheerleading program; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at Collierville High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, these cheerleaders have inspired the student body and united the entire Collierville community while completing their triumphal run during this championship season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship cheerleading season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Collierville Cheerleaders for winning the Freshman Division of the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Mike Nordengren and the Collierville High School Freshman Cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and on their extraordinary victory in the 2004 National High School Cheerleading Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.